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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT

1. DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CARRIER CONSTELLATION AND OTHER SHIPS IN GULF GIVEN MAJOR FRONT PAGE ATTENTION ON LOCAL PAPERS NOVEMBER 26. STORIES TAKEN FROM WIRE SERVICES AND ACCURATELY REFLECT SPOKESMAN. ONE HEADLINE CALLED VISIT "GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY"; OTHERS MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD. SEVERAL NEGATIVE EDITORIALS. COMMENT IN AL QABAS CALLED IT "PART OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BEING WAGED AGAINST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES," AND EL WATAN'S EDITOR WROTE OF "POPULAR DENUNCIATION" AND CALLED ON GULF GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT THIS "WILL OF THE PEOPLE." THRUST OF PRESS COVERAGE IS NEGATIVE, BUT ILLUSTRATIVE OF KUWAIT'S OUTSPOKEN AND INDEPENDENT PRESS. WE EXPECT THAT THIS STORY WILL BLOW OVER AND BE LARGELY FORGOTTEN. THERE HAVE BEEN NO STATEMENTS BY GOK AND NEITHER USIS OR EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MEDIA. LIMITED SAMPLING OF PUBLIC REACTION INDICATES LACK OF CONCERN OR GREAT INTEREST AMONG KUWAITIS.

2. FIVE MEMBERS OF KUWAIT UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT -- ALL STRONGLY ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS U.S. MIDEAST POLICY AND SOME TOWARDS U.S. ITSELF -- ATTENDED NOVEMBER 25 VTR SHOWING OF SADAT AND ASSAD INTERVIEWS. AFTERWARDS SAID THEY WOULD LIKE SEE OTHER VTRS ON MIDEAST, PARTICULARLY OF ARAB LEADERS. WHILE SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT AIM OF DEMONSTRATING THAT ARABS HAVE ACCESS

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TO AMERICANS THROUGH U.S. MEDIA GOT CLEARLY THROUGH, COMMENTS

DID SHOW RESPECT FOR THIS COVERAGE BY AMERICAN TV NETWORKS. STRANGELY, TWO PROFESSORS WERE SURPRISED SADAT PUBLICLY STATED THAT EGYPT ACCEPTS ISRAEL WITH PRE 1967 BORDERS. SHOWING WAS FIRST TIME ANY OF THESE PERSONS HAD VISITED USIS.

3. POST ARRANGED PRESS CONFERENCE FOR NAM DELEGATION LEADER, RESULTING IN CONSIDERABLE AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE ON VISIT HERE. KUWAIT RADIO RECORDED WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR PRESS CONFERENCES OF THIS TYPE.

4. EXPERIMENTAL FILMS (SET NO. 5) SEEN BY 25 TV DIRECTORS, CAMERAMEN AND DIRECTORS IN DOHA. THIS FOLLOWED BY MORE THAN HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION ON FILMING TECHNIQUES AND CONTENT. HEAD OF QATAR TV SAW LATER AT AMBASSADOR'S HOME AND COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY FOUND PROGRAM STIMULATING, BUT MORE IMPORTANT FELT THAT STATION PERSONNEL NEED EXPOSURE TO THIS KIND OF THING. PROGRAM ALSO SEEN BY FILM CLUB AT KUWAIT TV, WITH FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY AUDIENCE.  
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